

July 13, 1956

Mr. Robert B. Filbert, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Filbert:

Enclosed is a copy of a draft transcript of the presentations made by you and your colleagues on 13 June at the Propellents Seminar conducted by the EDIC Working Group on Propellents and Fuel Additives in Washington at that time. I am sorry to say that the recording failed at several points and that, at others, we were unable to understand what words were being said. We have put down what we heard, even when it did not appear to make sense, thinking that the sound we transcribed might help you to remember the correct word. Inasmuch as there has been a special interest in the remarks your people made about the use of boron in propellents and the significance of it in this connection, you may wish to review the sections dealing with this commodity with special care.

You will notice that, other than a preliminary division of the material into sentences and paragraphs and the insertion of commas where the speaker appeared to pause for that reason, we have not attempted to edit the transcript. Any suggestions you have about the form of presentation will be appreciated. However, if you find it easier to pay attention only to factual accuracy, we shall be glad to take care of the editing when you return the corrected draft to us.

Will you please supply us with copies of the slides you used, and with complete source references wherever possible and appropriate, both for the slides and for the other information you presented? I am told that it would be most appropriate for you to make arrangements with the publishers for the use of any copyrighted material that was reproduced on your slides or otherwise quoted by you. However, if you run into any difficulty, in this matter, do not hesitate to call on us for assistance.

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In the cases where you have mentioned companies, if you could supply the complete official name of the company and its address, we could be sure we have identified it correctly. You will note that, in places, we have indicated what we thought was the proper identification and, in others, we have indicated a need for it.

May I remind you that some of those who attended the Seminar asked that you indicate, in so far as possible, how much of the information is Unclassified, Confidential, or Secret, rather than Secret/NOFORN, as the Seminar was classified? If you could label paragraphs or sentences wherever they differ from the overall classification, it would be most helpful.

For a couple of weeks, now, people have been calling me, saying, "When will the transcript be distributed?" "Can't you do anything to hurry it?", Etc. Of course, I have assured them that we were doing all that we could and that I was sure that you, also, would do all that you could to expedite it when I got the draft transcript to you. If we can help in any way, please let us know. Our telephone number is: Executive 3-6115, Extension 4247.

Sincerely,

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Secretary  
EDIC Working Group on  
Propellents and  
Fuel Additives

Enclosure:

Original and one carbon copy of EDIC Working Group on Propellents and Fuel Additives, Propellents Seminar, 13-14 June 1956, "Transcript," pp. 1-68, Secret/NOFORN

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